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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115
IN RESPONSE TO THE OCTOBER 27, 1997 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Kindly enter this response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115) to the Office Action issued on October 27, 1997 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 27, 1997 Office Action was originally due on January 27, 1998. This Amendment is being accompanied by a Request for an Extension of Time (two months) in order to extend the response deadline to March 27, 1998. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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